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***U.S.-U.K. Alliance Case***  
**Docket OST-2001-11029 - 133**

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**NOTICE EXTENDING PROCEDURAL DATES**

On April 24, 2002, Continental Airlines, Inc., filed a petition for reconsideration of the Department's action granting, subject to conditions, final approval and antitrust immunity for alliance agreements among United Air Lines, Inc., British Midland Airways Limited, Austrian Airlines Österreichische Luftverkehrs AG, Lauda Air Luftfahrt AG, Deutsche Lufthansa AG, and Scandinavian Airlines Systems ("United/bmi"). Order 2002-4-4 in the *U.S.-U.K. Alliance Case*, Docket OST-2001-11029.

Answers to the petition would normally have been due on May 6, 2002.

On April 29, 2002, United/bmi filed a joint motion to postpone the answer date to Continental's petition for reconsideration until May 17, 2002. In support of their request, United/bmi state that an extension is needed to enable the joint applicants to prepare and coordinate among themselves a joint answer to Continental's petition. United/bmi report that Continental has stated that it has no objection to the request for an extension here.

We have decided to extend the answer period through May 8, 2002. While we recognize the desire of United/bmi for additional time to respond to Continental's petition, we nevertheless have an interest in promptly resolving this matter. Given the particular circumstances of this case, we have decided that the more limited extension of the answer period we are allowing here is in the public interest.

We will serve this Notice on all parties to this proceeding by electronic mail.

By:

**READ C. VAN DE WATER**  
Assistant Secretary for Aviation  
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Dated: May 2, 2002

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